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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2467

Introduced by Assembly Member Brownley
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An act to amend Sections 8282 and 8499.10 of, and to add Section 8283 to, the Education Code, relating to state preschool, ~~and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2467, as amended, Brownley. State preschool: information.

(1) The Child Care and Development Services Act establishes various full- and part-time programs for a comprehensive, coordinated, and cost-effective system of developmental services for children to 13 years of age and their parents. Existing law requires certain information to be provided to a child's parent or guardian when a child is transferred from a state-funded preschool or infant and toddler program to a public school, which may, with the permission of the parent or guardian, be transferred to the pupil's elementary school.

This bill would permit certain other information that the Superintendent of Public Instruction deems appropriate or helpful to be included on the information transfer form.

(2) Existing law requires the State Department of Education to contract for the development of the California Longitudinal Pupil

Achievement Data System to provide for the retention and analysis of pupil achievement data.

This bill would require the Superintendent to convene a stakeholder group of specified members to determine, among other things, new strategies for implementing preschool information transfer. The bill would require the group to make recommendations to the Superintendent by December 31, 2009, and would require the Superintendent to explore the extent to which preschool summary information can be integrated into the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System. The bill would require the Superintendent to report to the Legislature by March 1, 2011, on the implementation of a statewide preschool information transfer system.

(3) Existing law requires the Superintendent to advise local educational agencies regarding related federal Head Start requirements.

This bill would delete that requirement, and would authorize the Superintendent to include information from children in Head Start programs in the information transfer, subject to the consent of the child's parent or guardian.

~~(4) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.~~

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$ -majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8282 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 8282. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the state
4 makes a substantial, annual investment in preschool, infant and
5 toddler, and schoolage child development programs for eligible
6 families. It is in the best interests of children and their families,
7 and the taxpayers of California, to have information about the
8 development and learning abilities of children developed in these
9 settings, health and other information transferred to, or otherwise
10 available to, the pupil's elementary school.

11 (b) When a child in a state-funded preschool or infant and
12 toddler program will be transferring to a local public school, the
13 preschool or infant and toddler program shall provide the parent
14 or guardian with information from the previous year deemed
15 beneficial to the pupil and the public school teacher, including,

1 but not limited to, development issues, social interaction abilities,
2 health background, and diagnostic assessments, if any. The
3 preschool or infant and toddler program, with the permission of
4 the parent or guardian, may transfer this information to the pupil's
5 elementary school.

6 (c) A child who has participated in a state subsidized preschool
7 that maintains results-based standards, including the desired results
8 accountability system, may have the performance information
9 transferred to any subsequent or concurrent public school setting.
10 The transferred information shall be in summary form and only
11 accomplished with the permission of the parent or guardian.

12 (d) The information transfer form also may include information
13 that the Superintendent deems appropriate and helpful to the public
14 school teacher, including the child's or family's eligibility for or
15 participation in other public support programs, whether the child
16 has an individualized education plan or has received a diagnosis
17 for any type of special services, or whether the child is an English
18 language learner, in need of remedial assistance, an after school
19 program, special transportation, or full-day child care.

20 SEC. 2. Section 8283 is added to the Education Code, to read:

21 8283. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that a procedure for
22 preschool information transfer to public schools be established.
23 The preschool information transfer system shall be flexible to meet
24 local needs and standardized enough to meet state data system and
25 pupil tracking needs.

26 (b) The Superintendent shall convene a stakeholder group to
27 determine current methods used by some preschools to transfer
28 information, best practices, impediments, and any new strategies
29 for implementing preschool information transfer. The stakeholder
30 group shall be appointed by the Superintendent and shall include,
31 but is not limited to, the following:

32 (1) An administrator from a preschool operated by a local
33 educational agency.

34 (2) An administrator from a preschool operated by a nonprofit,
35 community-based organization.

36 (3) An administrator from a preschool operated by a private
37 organization.

38 (4) An administrator from a federal Head Start contracting
39 organization.

40 (5) A representative of kindergarten teachers.

1 (6) A representative of county superintendents of schools.

2 (7) State Department of Education staff.

3 (c) The stakeholder group shall make recommendations to the
4 Superintendent by December 31, 2009.

5 (d) The Superintendent shall explore the extent to which
6 preschool summary information may be integrated into the
7 California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System.

8 (e) The Superintendent shall report to the Legislature by March
9 1, 2010, on the implementation of a statewide preschool
10 information transfer system including, but not limited to, best
11 methods, costs, and the integration of preschool information into
12 the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System.

13 SEC. 3. Section 8499.10 of the Education Code is amended to
14 read:

15 8499.10. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

16 (a) The Congress has recognized the importance of the transfer
17 from preschool to primary school. Section 642A of Title VI of
18 Subtitle A of Chapter 8 of Subchapter B of the federal Omnibus
19 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (P.L. 97-35) was enacted to
20 require grantees of federal Head Start funds to take steps to
21 coordinate with and involve the local educational agency serving
22 the community, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

23 (1) Developing and implementing a systematic procedure for
24 transferring, with parental or guardian consent, Head Start program
25 records for each participating child to the school in which the child
26 will enroll.

27 (2) Establishing channels of communication between Head Start
28 staff and their counterparts in the schools, including, but not limited
29 to, teachers, social workers, and health staff, to facilitate the
30 coordination of programs.

31 (3) Conducting meetings involving parents, kindergarten or
32 elementary school teachers, and Head Start program teachers to
33 discuss the educational, developmental, and other needs of
34 individual children.

35 (4) Organizing and participating in joint transition-related
36 training of school staff and Head Start staff.

37 (5) Developing and implementing a family outreach and support
38 program in cooperation with entities carrying out parental
39 involvement efforts under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary
40 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.).

1 (6) Assisting families, administrators, and teachers in enhancing
2 educational and developmental continuity between Head Start
3 services and elementary school classes.

4 (7) Linking the services provided in the Head Start program
5 with the education services provided by the local educational
6 agency.

7 (b) The Superintendent may include information from children
8 in Head Start programs in the information transfer developed
9 pursuant to Section 8283, provided that consent is obtained from
10 the child's parent or guardian.

11 ~~SEC. 4. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the~~
12 ~~immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within~~
13 ~~the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into~~
14 ~~immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:~~

15 ~~In order that the child care program needs of the state be~~
16 ~~addressed as soon as possible, it is necessary that this act take~~
17 ~~effect immediately.~~